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Amendment

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REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration of the application.

Claims 1 – 26 were in the application. Claims 24 – 26 were objected to because of informalities. Claims 9 – 11, 13, and 25 – 26 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Warbus et al. (US 6,236,816). Claims 12, 14, and 15 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Warbus et al. in view of Hatasa et al (US 2003/0227501). Claim 16 was objected to by the Examiner as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 24 has been amended to address the informalities noted by the Examiner. Specifically, the word "bundling" has been amended to "providing", and the capitalization of words within the claim has been removed.


Claims 9 – 15 and 25 – 26 have been canceled. Claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of base claim 9, from which it formerly depended. Thus, the claims remaining in the application, namely, claims 1 – 8 and 16 – 24, should be in condition for allowance.

Favorable action by the Examiner is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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